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C.I.A. Tells Columbia, Princeton Of Secret Behavioral Research

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The Central Intelligence Agency has informed Columbia and Princeton Universities that they are among 86 institutions where secret research is believed to have been conducted in an attempt by the agency to develop ways to manipulate the behavior of human beings, spokesmen for the universities said on Wednesday. The agency did not indicate what kinds of experiments were carried out at the universities, when they were done and

who participated, the spokesmen said. Nor, they said, did the agency indicate whether the experiments resulted in deaths or injuries.

A team of New York Times reporters disclosed the scope and general outline of the C.I.A.'s investigations into behavior and thought control, ranging over 25 years and costing some \$25 million, in articles published on Aug. 2 and 3.

At a Senate hearing on Aug. 3, Adm.

Stansfield Turner, the director of Central Intelligence, gave additional details, including the fact that 86 institutions were involved. He said the agency had financed the work of 185 nongovernment researchers at these institutions—universities, hospitals, prisons and pharmaceutical companies—on 149 separate research projects.

Admiral Turner said a few days after the hearing that the C.I.A. would notify the institutions that appeared to have been involved in the program, but that they would have to decide whether they wanted their roles made public.

In recent days officials at several academic institutions have acknowledged to inquiring reporters that they were involved in the experiments. Among them are the University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State University, George Washington

University and the University of Maryland. The Times had previously independently confirmed that the C.I.A. had planned to test drugs on terminal cancer patients at the Georgetown University Medical School.

Columbia and Princeton were notified in letters last week, the spokesmen said, that they had apparently been involved in a phase of C.I.A. testing between 1953 and 1964.

The letters said the universities had been among "the institutions at which some portion of the research appears to have been performed, or with which one or more individuals performing some aspect of it were affiliated."

Spokesmen for Columbia and Princeton said the universities were "looking into the matter" and had requested additional information from the C.I.A.

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